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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF TOD DATT LTC. ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

1. ALTHOUGH DATT LTC RODRIGUEZ TOUR COMPLETION DATE IS 30
SEPTEMBER 1977, HIS OFFICIAL RETIREMENT DATE IS 1 JUNE 1977.
COL. RODRIGUEZ HAS REQUESTED EXTENSION OF RETIREMENT DATE
TO 1 OCTOBER CITING AMONG OTHER REASONS CHANGE IN GOES ADMIN-
ISTRATION ON JULY 1.

2. I STRONGLY ENDORSE COL. RODRIGUEZ' REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION
OF HIS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE, TO PERMIT HIM TO REMAIN IN EL
SALVADOR AT LEAST THROUGH THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION AND
FOR A SHORT PERIOD THEREAFTER.

3. MY REASONS ARE OBVIOUS: COL. RODRIGUEZ HAS DEVELOPED A
WARM RELATIONSHIP WITH GEN. ROMERO, WHO IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN
TO BECOME THE NEXT PRESIDENT. HE ALSO ENJOYS THE CONFIDENCE
OF MANY OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS IN THE SALVADORAN MILITARY. IT
WOULD THEREFORE BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE MISSION
IF WE COULD RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF HIS CONTACTS THROUGH
THE INAUGURATION AND FOR A SHORT PERIOD BEYOND.

4. I THEREFORE HEARTILY RECOMMEND AN EXTENSION AT LEAST
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UNTIL JULY 31, WITH SUFFICIENT OVERLAP WITH HIS REPLACEMENT
TO ALLOW HIM OPPORTUNITY TO PERSONALLY INTRODUCE HIS
SUCCESSOR TO HIS MANY CONTACTS HERE.
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